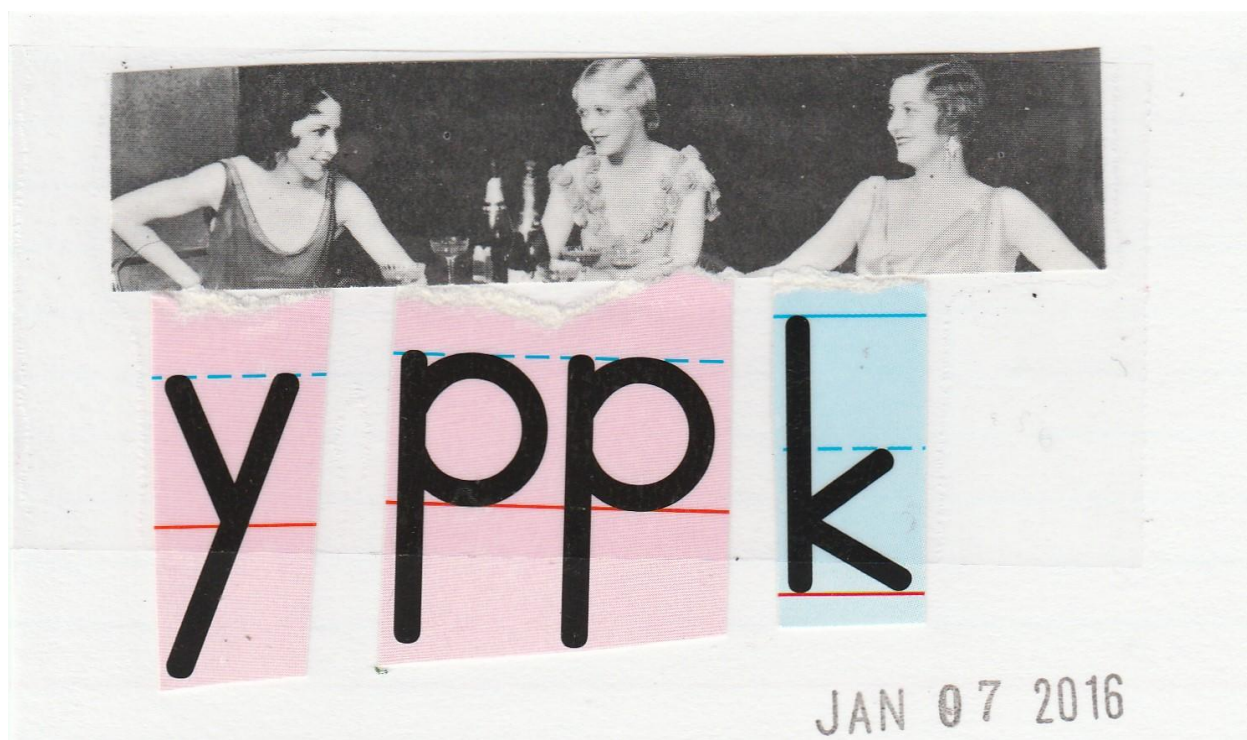


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MATHEMATICS. The expression under a radical sign; the expression whose root is to be found.

In the radical  $\sqrt[3]{32}$ , the radicand is 32.

radicle \rad-i-kəl\ n.

1. BOTANY. The early root, consisting of the hypocotyl and the cotyledons of a seedling plant.  
2. ANATOMY. The smallest branch of a blood vessel or the smallest branch of a nerve; also, a root-like part, as the root of a tooth.

The root of a radish is the hypocotyl. The root of a radicle is the hypocotyl.

radioactive \rād-ē-ō-'ak-tiv-ē\

CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS. The breaking up of an atom into two or a free subatomic particle and a nucleus, or the breaking up of a nucleus into two or more parts, usually an emission of alpha or beta rays, or gamma rays, accompanied by gamma rays.

A uranium 238 nucleus decays into a thorium nucleus and an alpha particle.

radioactive isotope \rād-ē-ō-

CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS. An isotope of an element whose nuclei break up into two or more parts as a result of fission within the nucleus. Each disintegration is accompanied by the emission of alpha or beta, or gamma rays. Radioactive isotopes are also called unstable isotopes and half-life.

Every element has at least one stable isotope. Some radioactive isotopes may be used as tracers.

radioactive series \rād-ē-ō-

CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS. A series of isotopes of different elements, each a product of the preceding member of the series. Each member of the series is a radioactive isotope of the preceding element. Each member of the series is a radioactive isotope of the preceding element, such as lead or bismuth.

The RADIOACTIVE SERIES that starts with uranium 238 and ends with lead 206 after 13 intermediate steps.

radioactivity \rād-ē-ō-'ak-tiv-at-ē\

CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS. The continuous emission of energetic subatomic particles (alpha or beta rays), or of gamma rays, from certain elements or isotopes of elements. It occurs as the result of radioactive decay; see radioactive decay and curie.

The RADIOACTIVITY of an element is not affected by chemically combining it with a second element to form a compound.



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reagent \rē-'ā-jent\ n.  
CHEMISTRY. Any chemical used to react with another substance. A reagent is frequently in the form of a solution; also, a substance of high purity used in chemical analysis.  
Hydrogen sulfide is often used as a reagent to detect such metallic ions as lead and cadmium in an unknown solution.

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ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS. A readout is a data produced by a computer.

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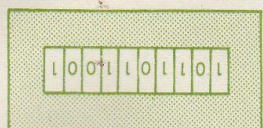
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## ramjet engine

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If an electric current flows through a wire, it will give off energy in the form of a radio wave.

radium \ˈrā-d-ē-əs\

CHEMISTRY. A rare, metallic element that is highly radioactive and has a half-life of about 1,622 years. Symbol: Ra. Atomic number, 88. Atomic weight, 226.

A glass tube containing a small amount of RADIUM may explode as the result of gas pressure, since radium disintegrates into the gaseous elements radon and helium.

radius \ˈrā-d-ē-əs\

MATHEMATICS. A line segment extending from the center of a circle or sphere to any point on the circle or sphere. 2. ANATOMY. That one of the bones in the forearm located on the side as the thumb.

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radome

ENGINEERING. A radarscope.

On many aircraft, the RADOM is located in the fuselage.

rain forest \ˈrān-foɪr-est\

BOTANY and GEOGRAPHY. Any wooded area with an annual rainfall of more than 100 inches. A rain forest is characterized by a growth of exceedingly-tall trees, light penetration to the forest floor. In tropical areas, it is called a jungle.

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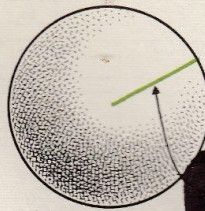
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EARTH SCIENCE. The area of land on the windward side of a mountain that receives little or no rain.

A RAIN SHADOW may be formed by a mountain, depending on the prevailing winds.

ramjet engine \ˈram-jet ˈen-jən\

AERONAUTICS and ENGINEERING. A type of jet engine whose motion through the air causes air to be continuously compressed



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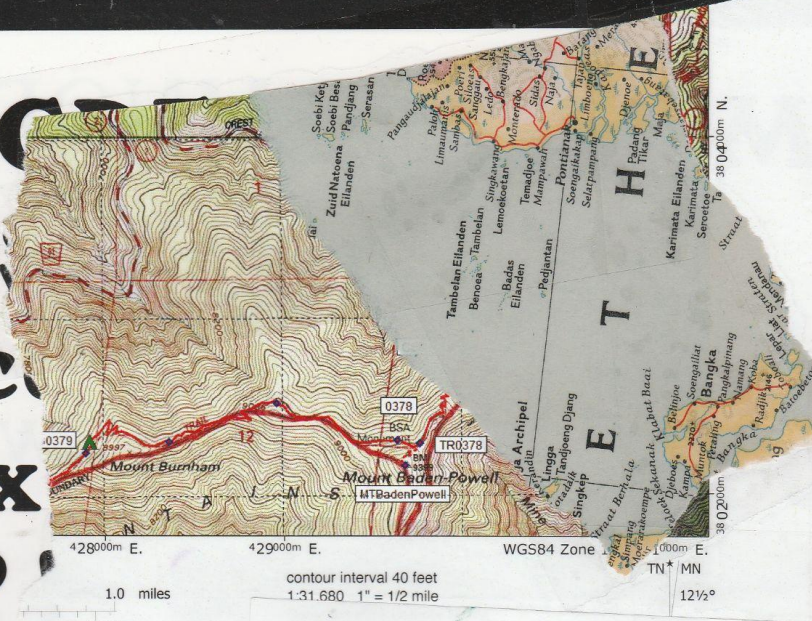
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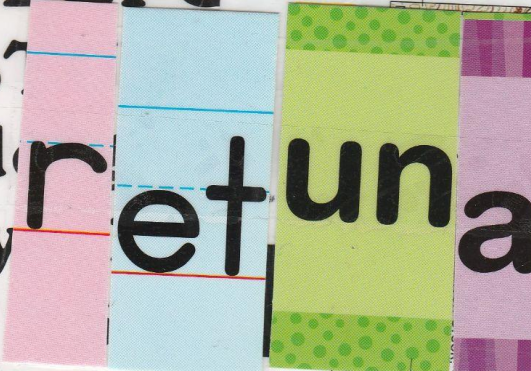
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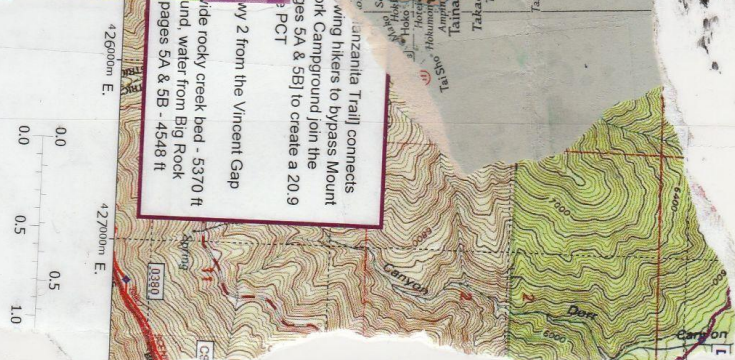
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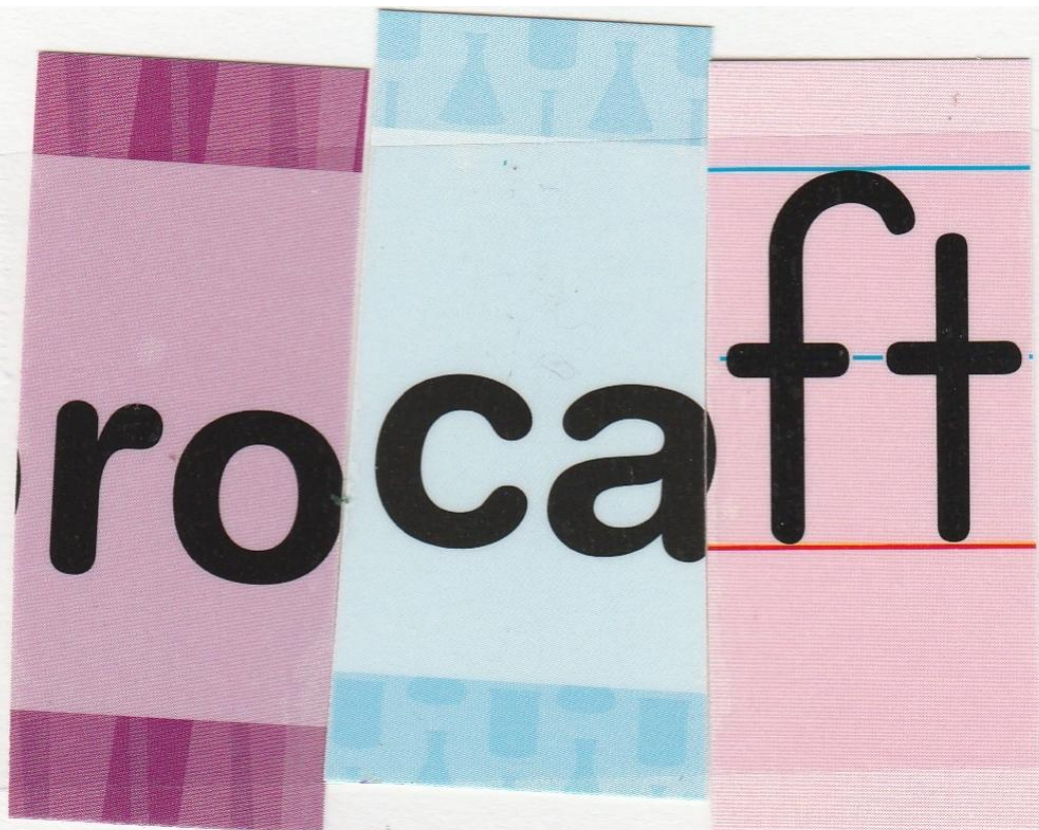
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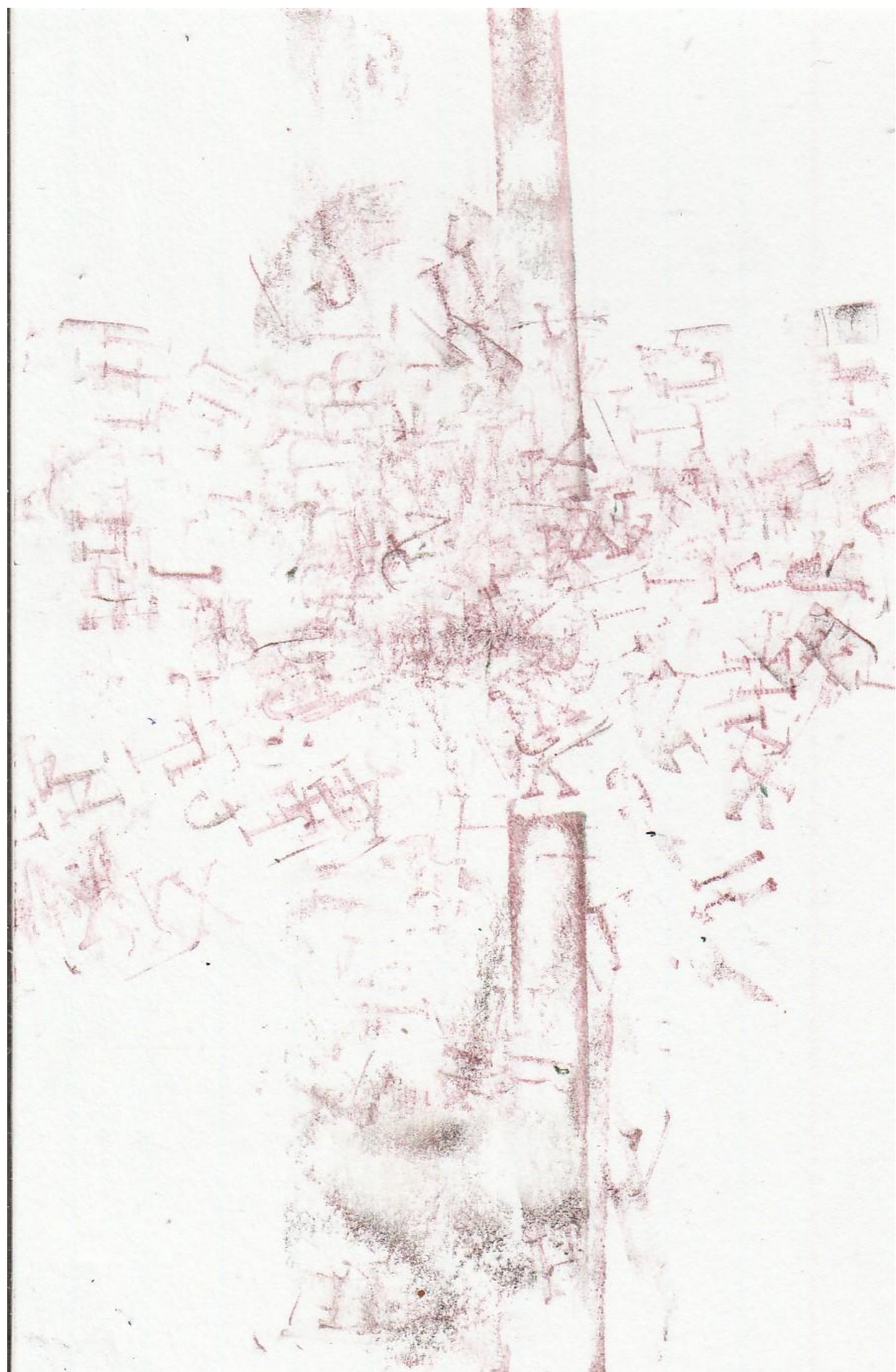
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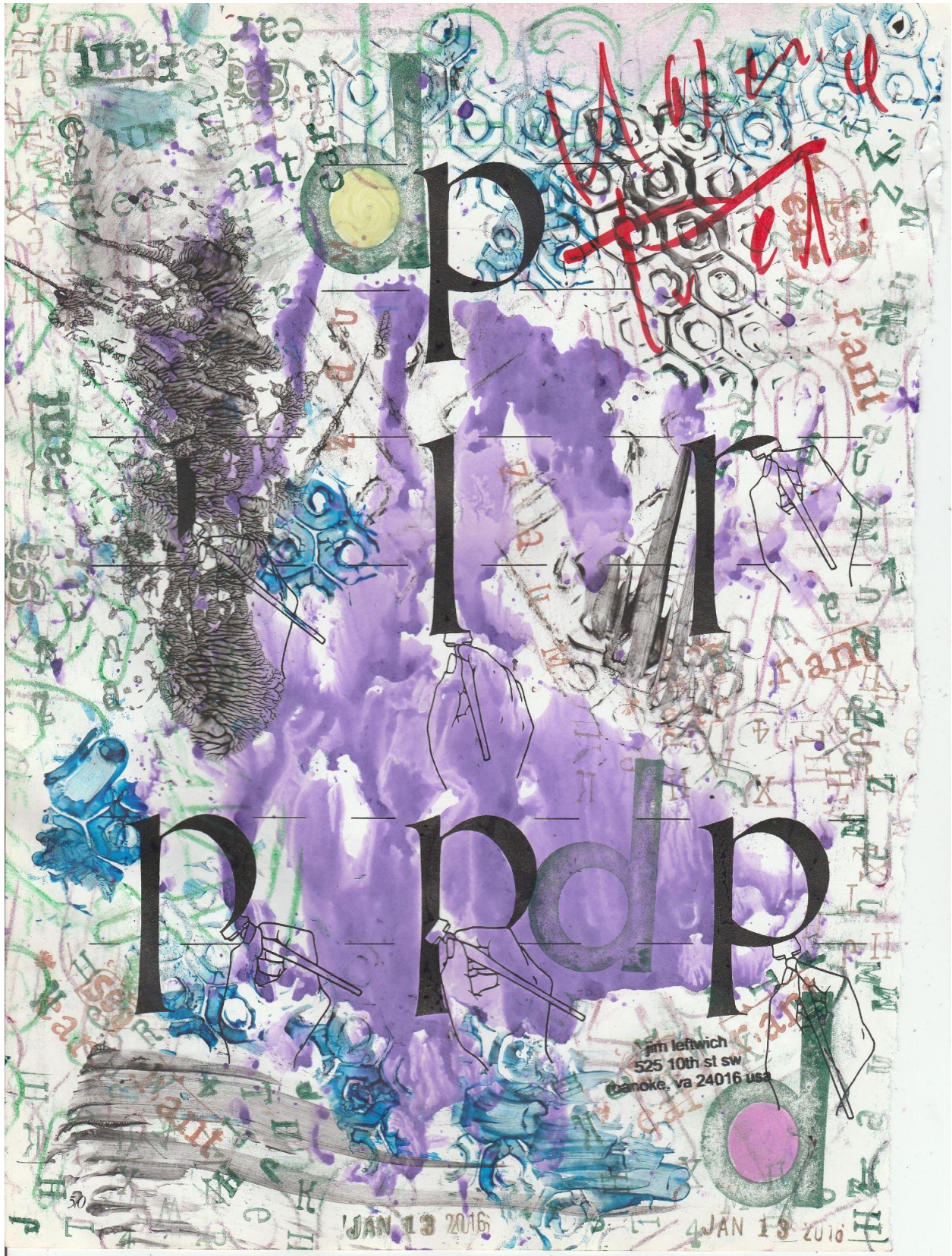




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## sediment

**sediment** \ˈsed-ə-mənt\ *n.*

1. **CHEMISTRY.** Solid material that will settle out of a liquid or that can be removed from the liquid by filtering. 2. **EARTH SCIENCE.** Solid material carried in suspension or deposited by water, wind or ice.

Although **SEDIMENT** may be filtered from drinking water to make the water clear, disease-causing bacteria may still be present.

**Sedimentary rock** \ˌsed-ə-mənt-ə-ri-ˈrək\

**EARTH SCIENCE.** A rock or rock formation produced by deposits of sediment from older rocks, by an accumulation of plant or animal remains or by the products of chemical reactions and precipitates.

**SEDIMENTARY ROCK** is always formed in, and is usually found in, layers or beds of rock.

**seed** \ˈsēd\

1. **BOTANY (N.).** The ripened ovule of a flowering or cone-bearing plant, consisting of the embryo, one or more seed coats and stored food. 2. **EARTH SCIENCE (V.).** To introduce crystals or chemicals, such as silver iodide or dry ice, into a cloud in an attempt to cause rainfall; see *cloud seeding*.

A **SEED** begins to grow only under certain conditions of temperature, moisture and air composition.

**seed plants** \ˈsēd ˈplānts\

**BOTANY.** A large group of plants having flowers or cones, true roots, stems and leaves; spermatophytes.

Roses are flowering **SEED PLANTS**, but pines are cone-bearing seed plants.

**segmentation** \ˌseg-mən-tā-shən\ *n.*

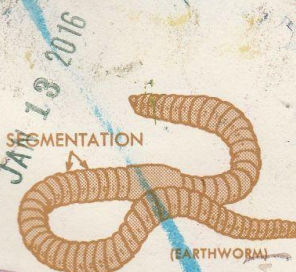
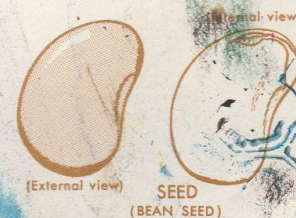
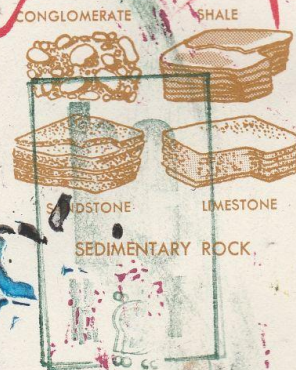
**ZOOLOGY.** The body structure of an organism made up of joined ringlike sections. The structure is typical of earthworms and insects and less noticeable in vertebrates.

**SEGMENTATION** in an embryonic chicken can be seen 24 hours after fertilization.

**segregation** \ˌseg-ri-ˈgā-shən\ *n.*

**BIOLOGY.** A genetic principle formulated by Gregor Mendel, stating that pairs of hereditary units carrying such characteristics as tallness or dwarfness separate during reproduction, so that each offspring receives one of each pair.

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siphon \ˈsɪ-fən\ n.

1. PHYSICS. A bent tube, generally shaped like an upside-down U, with one arm longer than the other. It uses air pressure and gravity to move fluid over a barrier to a lower level.
2. ZOOLOGY. In certain mollusks, a tubular-shaped organ that carries water to the gills or that expels fluid from the gill chamber.

A SIPHON will not work in a vacuum.

skeletal muscle \ˈskel-ət-əl ˈməs-əl\

ANATOMY. A voluntary muscle, connected to the bones, that moves some part of the body.

A SKELETAL MUSCLE is usually opposed by another muscle called an antagonistic muscle.

skeleton \ˈskel-ət-ən\ n.

1. ANATOMY and ZOOLOGY. The rigid framework of an animal's body, usually jointed to allow movement. In vertebrate animals, it is an internal framework of bone, of cartilage or of bone and cartilage.
2. The supporting framework of a structure.

Many invertebrate animals, such as insects and crustaceans, have an external SKELETON, or exoskeleton.

skull \ˈskəl\ n.

ANATOMY and ZOOLOGY. That part of the skeleton that makes up the bony part of the head of vertebrate animals.

In man, the SKULL is made up of 8 cranial bones and 14 facial bones.

slant height \ˈslant ˈhɪt\

MATHEMATICS. The altitude of any lateral face of a regular pyramid or frustum of a regular pyramid; of a right circular cone, the length of any one of its elements.

The lateral area of a regular pyramid is equal to one half the product of the perimeter of its base and its SLANT HEIGHT.

slate \ˈslæt\ n.

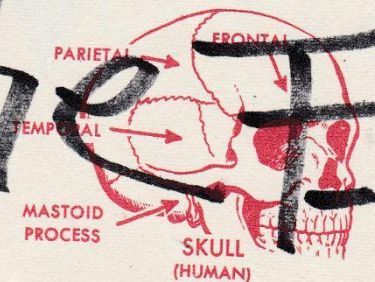
EARTH SCIENCE. A metamorphic rock that is formed by metamorphism of shale.

Although SLATE splits easily into thin layers, it is difficult to split in any other direction.

sleet \ˈslēt\ n.

EARTH SCIENCE. Rain that has been frozen, or partly frozen, into ice particles; also, a mixture of rain and snow.

SLEET can create hazardous driving conditions by making roads slippery and by reducing visibility.



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With these discoveries it became apparent that the production of plutonium could be a substantial benefit to be gained through the capture of neutrons by uranium-238. For this purpose it would be necessary to design a reactor to favour such captures, but without using up so many neutrons that the chain reaction could not proceed.

Though a natural uranium chain reaction is a possible source of heat and radiation, the necessary quantity of material is too bulky to serve as the basis for an atomic bomb. The process may, however, be used to produce plutonium, which then can be fabricated into a bomb without having to rely on uranium-235. The design and construction of a large plutonium-producing nuclear reactor, therefore, had a high priority during the early days of the Manhattan Project; it was plutonium, in fact that was employed in the first nuclear explosion in a nuclear-weapons test at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on July 16, 1945.

The world's first reactor.

The *Chicago pile*. The world's first nuclear reactor was constructed in the United States at the University of Chicago under the direction of Enrico Fermi. It achieved criticality (a self-sustaining chain reaction) on December 2, 1942. The reactor consisted of 400 tons of graphite, six tons of uranium metal, and 50 tons of uranium oxide, with control rods made of cadmium. Instruments placed inside the pile measured neutron intensity. When the cadmium rods were withdrawn gradually, at a certain point the neutron intensity began to increase rapidly, signalling the start of a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. The cadmium rods were reinserted before any appreciable amount of heat developed and before the neutron and radiation levels became hazardous. Later in the day the historic news was transmitted by telephone from Arthur Holly Compton in Chicago to James B. Conant at Harvard University in the following guarded language: "Jim, you will be interested to know that the Italian navigator has just landed in the New World."

The experiment confirmed what had been expected; criticality was reached even more easily than anticipated. Plans were formulated for the construction of four other reactors in the U.S., and the work of harnessing the atom for peaceful purposes was under way.

**Reactor types.** *Thermal and fast reactors.* The long-run advantages of a reactor that operated with fast neutrons, without a moderator, had been recognized by 1946. With sufficient enrichment, criticality could be achieved despite the lower cross section for fission with fast neutrons. Because fissions produced by fast neutrons supply slightly more neutrons than the average they provide extra neutrons beyond those needed to keep the chain reaction going. Calculations showed that with sufficient uranium-238 in or near the reactor, the extra neutrons could be used to produce occasional plutonium-239, which would then convert to plutonium-239. This process would increase slightly.

More important, the extra neutrons could be used to produce plutonium-239, which would then convert to plutonium-239. This process would increase slightly. In other words, the extra neutrons could be used to cause the next fission, which would produce more neutrons or losses caused by capture in structural materials; there would still be more than one neutron available for fission remaining to be captured by uranium-238, which would then convert to plutonium-239. It was therefore theoretically possible to consume a small amount of fuel and produce an increasing value of uranium and plutonium of energy.

The breeder reactor

To test these ideas, an experimental breeder reactor, the EBR-I, was built in 1951 by the Argonne National Laboratory. The reactor consisted of fuel rods of highly enriched uranium-235 surrounded by a blanket of natural uranium to provide the fertile material in which the plutonium could be formed.

Operating successfully for the first time during 1951, the reactors demonstrated not only the feasibility of breeding but also the feasibility of generating electricity with nuclear power. Reactor heat was transferred with a liquid mixture of sodium and potassium to a steam generator that provided power for a small electric turbine.

The two reactor concepts, one making use of slow neutrons (generally referred to as thermal neutrons), and the breeder concept, utilizing fast neutrons, were forerunners of two fundamental classes of reactors: thermal reactors and fast reactors. Most of the wide variety of reactor types that have since been developed are of these two classes.

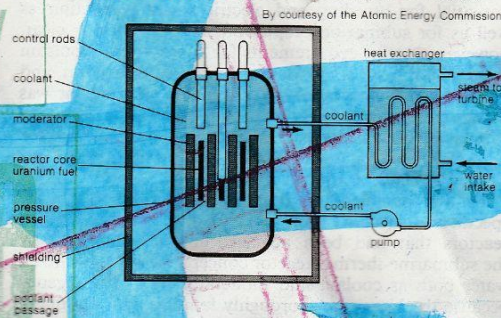


Figure 57: Components of a power reactor designed to generate high-pressure steam.

**Plutonium-production reactors.** The production of plutonium for military purposes was expanded in the United States after World War II with the construction of additional graphite-moderated reactors and a new series of large heavy-water reactors (HWR). (Heavy water is water in which the conventional hydrogen atoms have been replaced by deuterium, the hydrogen-2 isotope.) The heavy-water reactors were also used to convert lithium into tritium (the hydrogen-3 isotope) for use in thermonuclear weapons.

**Materials-testing reactor.** One of the early needs in reactor development was a materials-testing reactor that could supply a high flux of neutrons to test their effects on materials and thus provide necessary information for the design of other reactors. Neutron flux is the number of neutrons crossing a unit area each second.

Pressurized water was selected to serve as both moderator and coolant in the first materials-testing reactor. The fuel was highly enriched uranium embedded in aluminum, arranged in the form of parallel plates. Water was pumped through at high speeds to carry heat away, thus allowing the reactor to operate at a high power density with a correspondingly high neutron flux. The reactor was placed in full-scale operation in 1952.

**Aircraft-propulsion reactor.** The use of nuclear power for aircraft propulsion was proposed immediately after the end of World War II. The U.S. Air Force began a project known as Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft (NEPA); but controversy over the potential hazard began at once, and, as the complexities of the problem became more evident, the project was discontinued in 1951.

Responsibility for the design of an aircraft engine was shifted to the General Electric Company and the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho where test facilities could be built. But in the end enthusiasm for the project was overcome by doubts about feasibility and safety. The goal of planes that could fly for long periods without refueling did not seem to justify the development expense nor the hazards that would inevitably be associated with carrying nuclear reactors in airplanes, and the project was abandoned in 1961.

**Reactors for a nuclear navy.** The use of nuclear reactors for the propulsion of naval vessels has been highly successful. Although it was not directly involved in nuclear matters during World War II, the U.S. Navy was interested in nuclear energy before the establishment of the Manhattan Project as the result of research undertaken at the Naval Research Laboratory.

Studies of the use of nuclear reactors as a source of energy for submarine propulsion began in 1946. The potential advantages over oil as a fuel were obvious. With nuclear fuel, it would no longer be necessary to surface to recharge batteries, and the energy from uranium for a given bulk would be far higher than that from oil, thus making possible almost indefinite operation without refueling.

Nuclear energy for submarines

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**small intestine** \ˈsmɔl in-ˈtes-tən\

ANATOMY. The coiled, muscular part of the digestive tract in the abdomen. It consists of the duodenum, jejunum and ileum, and extends from the pylorus of the stomach to the large intestine.

*Digestion and absorption of nutrients occur in the SMALL INTESTINE.*

**smelting** \ˈsmelt-ɪŋ\ *n.*

ENGINEERING. A process by which certain metals are obtained from their ores. It uses heat and a reducing agent.

*SMELTING of iron ore is done by heating a mixture of ore and coke (carbon) in a blast furnace.*

**smog** \ˈsmɒɡ\ *n.*

EARTH SCIENCE. A combination of smoke and fog, most common in industrial areas near cities or oceans.

*The fumes and smoke from factories and cars may cause respiratory irritation.*

**smoke** \ˈsmɒk\ *n.*

CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING. A suspension of very small, solid particles in a gas. Smoke is usually produced by the incomplete burning of a substance. See *smog*.

*Most large industries are required by law to control and limit the discharge of smoke.*

**smooth muscles** \ˈsmuːθ mjuːslz\

ANATOMY. The involuntary or unstriated fibers, found in the walls of internal organs.

*SMOOTH MUSCLES function under the control of the autonomic nervous system.*

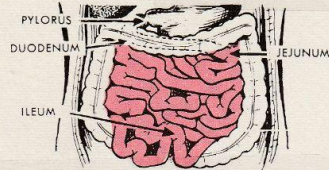
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EARTH SCIENCE. A form of precipitation that falls as ice crystals having a hexagonal shape. Snow may fall as separate crystals or as clumps.

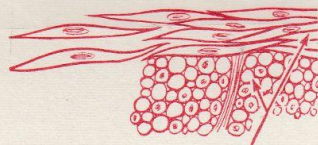
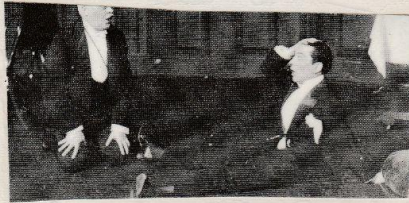
*A blanket of snow may protect vegetation from the effects of below-freezing temperatures.*

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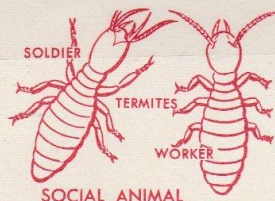
ZOOLOGY. An animal that characteristically lives in a group of animals of the same species.



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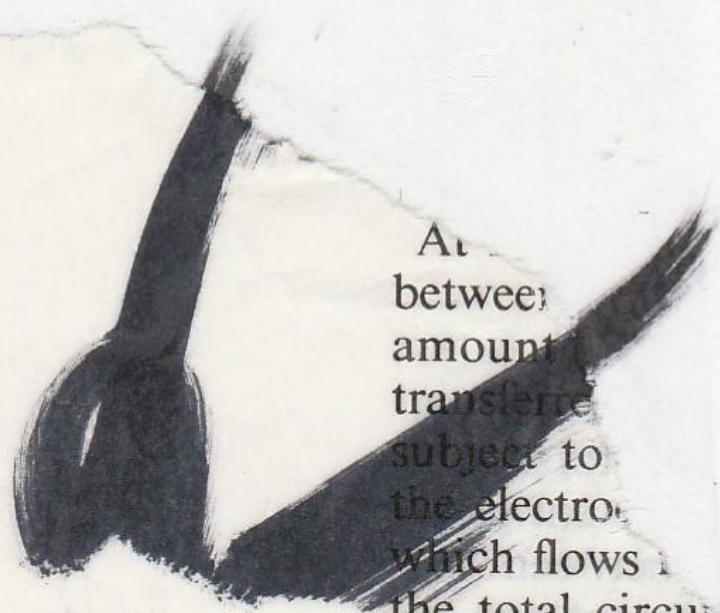
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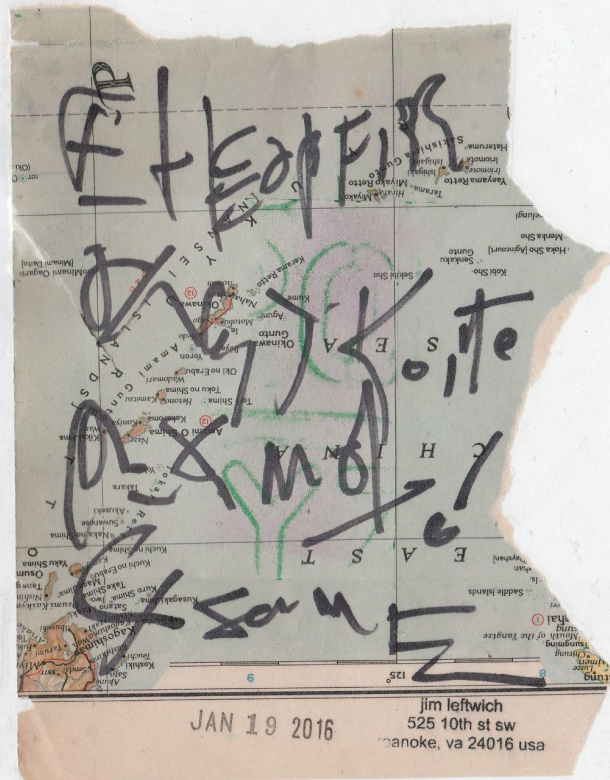
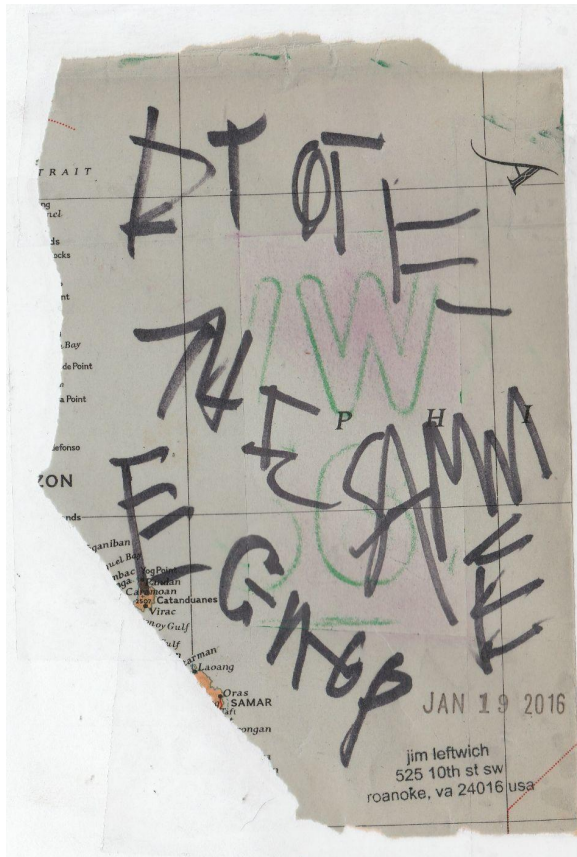


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$\alpha$	alpha particle	$\Sigma$	the sum of
$\beta$ ; $\beta^-$	beta particle	$\sigma$	nuclear cross section (barns); an
$\beta^+$	positron	$\Omega$	electrical resistance (ohms)
$\gamma$	gamma radiation	$\omega$	angular speed; angular velocity
$\Delta$	a small change; heat		minute (angular measure)
$\lambda$	wavelength; radioactive decay constant		second (angular measure)
mm	millimeter	$\delta$	male
$\mu$	microcurie	$\phi$	female
$\mu$ f	microfarad	$>$	is greater than
$\mu$ in.	microminch	$<$	is less than
$\mu$ m	micron	$\propto$	is proportional to
$\mu\mu$	micromicron	$\infty$	infinity
$\mu\mu$ f	micromicrofarad	$\sqrt{\quad}$	square root of
$\nu$	frequency; neutrino	$^\circ$	degrees; temperature; angle measurement (example, 30°)
$\pi$	3.14159; osmotic pressure		









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*Mini*

$m^2$	square meter
$m^3$	cubic meter
ma	milliampere
Mev	one million electron volts
mg	milligram
mh	millihenry
mi	mile
$mi^2$	square mile
min	minute
m-kg	meter-kilogram
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
$mm^2$	square millimeter
$mm^3$	cubic millimeter
$m\mu$	millimicron
mph	miles per hour
mphps	miles per hour per second
mv	millivolt

*MS*

N	Avogadro's constant
$n!$	factorial $n$

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OD	outside diameter
oz	ounce

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pH	rating on acid-alkaline scale
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rent in the cooler can be reversed so that the bottle is warmed to the ideal drinking temperature by the time the alarm wakes the baby's mother. In a thermoelectric "hostess cart" or "buffet bar," heating and cooling are used simultaneously in two adjacent compartments of a rolling cart, to keep food hot or cold, ready to serve.

The same air conditioner that cools a house in the summer can be used to heat it during the winter. A large thermoelectric heat pump can move heat either into the house or out of it, depending on the direction of current flow through the device. In either direction, the efficiency can be greater than 100 percent if the temperature difference to be achieved is not too large. In mild climates, this type of home heating could, therefore, be more economical to operate than normal electrical heating. Again, as in most large-scale applications, the initial cost of the device is relatively high.

**Assessment.** Thermoelectric devices in ever-increasing numbers will continue to be used in various small-scale specialized applications for which they are ideally suited. Many large-scale applications have been suggested, from home heating and air conditioning to central power plants and automotive generators to replace internal combustion engines. These schemes will become practical only if further research in solid-state physics leads to new, inexpensive materials with much larger values for the thermoelectric figure of merit than those presently available.

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### Thermionic devices

Thermionic devices convert heat directly into electricity by means of thermionic emission—the ejection of electrons from a heated surface—rather than by changing it first to some other form of energy. Heat for the device is supplied by chemical, solar, or nuclear sources. It differs somewhat from the vacuum diode, primarily in the source of heat for the cathode.

Thermionic emission is the liberation of electrons from a hot cathode, or emitter. The emitted electrons travel through a vacuum or gas-filled space to a cool anode, or collector. Useful electrical power can be extracted by a load—a resistor or other impedance device—connected between the cathode and anode. The phenomenon was first observed in the middle of the 18th century by Charles DuFay, a French experimenter, who noted that gas near a heated solid conducts electricity. In 1853 Edmund Becquerel, a French physicist, reported that a measurable electric current could be produced by a potential of a few volts in air if the air was heated between hot platinum electrodes. Toward the end of the 19th century in Germany, Julius Elster and Hans Götzel, experimenting on a sealed device that contained two electrodes, noted that charges flowed from the heated electrode to the cooled electrode.

Thermionic emission was identified by Thomas A. Edison in 1883 when he observed that a current passed from a heated filament of an incandescent electric lamp to a conductor in the same glass bulb. Later, W.H. Preece and J.A. Fleming, two English scientists, showed that this effect was produced by electrons flowing through the vacuum from the heated cathode to the anode. J.J. Thomson, an English physicist, in 1897 recognized that electrons exist in solids and described thermionic emission as the "boiling off" of free electrons from solids into a vacuum cavity (see also ELECTRONICS; *Electron tubes*).

Another English physicist, O.W. Richardson, in 1916 identified the thermionic work function (a measure of the energy required for an electron to free itself from the surface of the metal) and determined emission current density with the aid of kinetic theory. His theory was subsequently corrected by S. Dushman, a U.S. scientist (1930), following the discovery by Enrico Fermi of electron properties in metals (1927). The basic expression for emission current is thus called the Richardson-Dushman equation.

The development of thermionic converters was delayed until the 1950s when the impetus of space exploration promoted renewed interest. A vacuum thermionic converter and the cesium-filled thermionic converter were developed shortly after 1955.

### EFFICIENCIES

A thermionic converter is a device with a heated electron emitter (cathode), electrically insulated from a cooled collector (anode), with the gap between them either a vacuum or filled with a metallic vapour. The elements are placed in a gas-tight envelope, with provisions for connecting a heat source to the cathode, a coolant to the anode, and electrical leads to a load.

Typically, the emitter operates at a temperature near 2,000 K (3,140° F), and the collector at 1,000 K (1,340° F).

The operation of a thermionic converter is influenced by a number of physical characteristics:

**Fermi energy.** The Fermi energy, or Fermi level, of a solid is the maximum energy that electrons in a solid may reach, even at absolute zero, because of the crowding of electrons.

**Work function.** The work function is the energy that must be imparted to an electron near the Fermi level of a solid to get the electron out of the solid into a cavity. The work function of tungsten, a typical material for emitters, is 4.52 electron volts (eV), but a collector work function of 0.6 eV has been obtained.

**Ionization potential.** The ionization potential is the energy that must be imparted to an atom to remove an atomic electron and move it an infinite distance away, making it a free electron. The atom is then said to be ionized.

**Thermionic current density.** The thermionic current density  $J_e$  of a solid is given by the Richardson-Dushman equation in the form:

$$J_e = AT^2 \exp(-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \psi / kT) \text{ amperes/cm}^2$$

based on the projected area of the electrode, in which  $A = 120.4$  amperes per square centimetre  $K^2$  for an ideal metal, for  $T$  in kelvins;  $\psi$  is the work function in electron volts;  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant, with the numerical value  $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  joule/K. (If the temperature  $T$  is measured in kelvins, the quantity  $kT$  has the dimensions of an energy and is usually called the thermal energy.) At 300 K (room temperature),  $kT/1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 0.0259$  electron volt. Among real materials,  $A$  varies: 60.2 for tungsten, molybdenum, and tantalum; 330 for zirconium; 17,000 for platinum; 1.4 for alumina;  $1.1 \times 10^{-5}$  for magnesia.

### THE VACUUM CONVERTER

In a thermionic converter with a vacuum gap between the electrodes, the electron gas is boiled out of the heated cathode at a high temperature and passed through the vacuum to a colder anode. The electron gas is then condensed at the anode, which is cooled to maintain a lower temperature than the cathode. The electron gas then passes through the external circuit and back to the cathode side to deliver electric power.

Electrons pass through a retarding electrostatic field. The base line corresponds to the potential of the electron in the cathode or the emitter. Heat lifts some of these electrons over the work function barrier at the surface of the emitter  $\psi_e$ . As soon as an electron escapes the surface of the emitter, it enters into the vacuum gap with other emitted electrons, encountering a retarding potential or space charge potential because of repulsion by other electrons in the gap. Only those electrons with initially sufficient energy to pass over the peak of the potential can reach the anode side. The anode also emits at its temperature, but the net electron flow is from the cathode to the anode (or collector), whose work function is  $\psi_a$ . The net output voltage is  $V_e$  given by the difference in electric potentials produced by these work functions and after deducting the space charge potential.

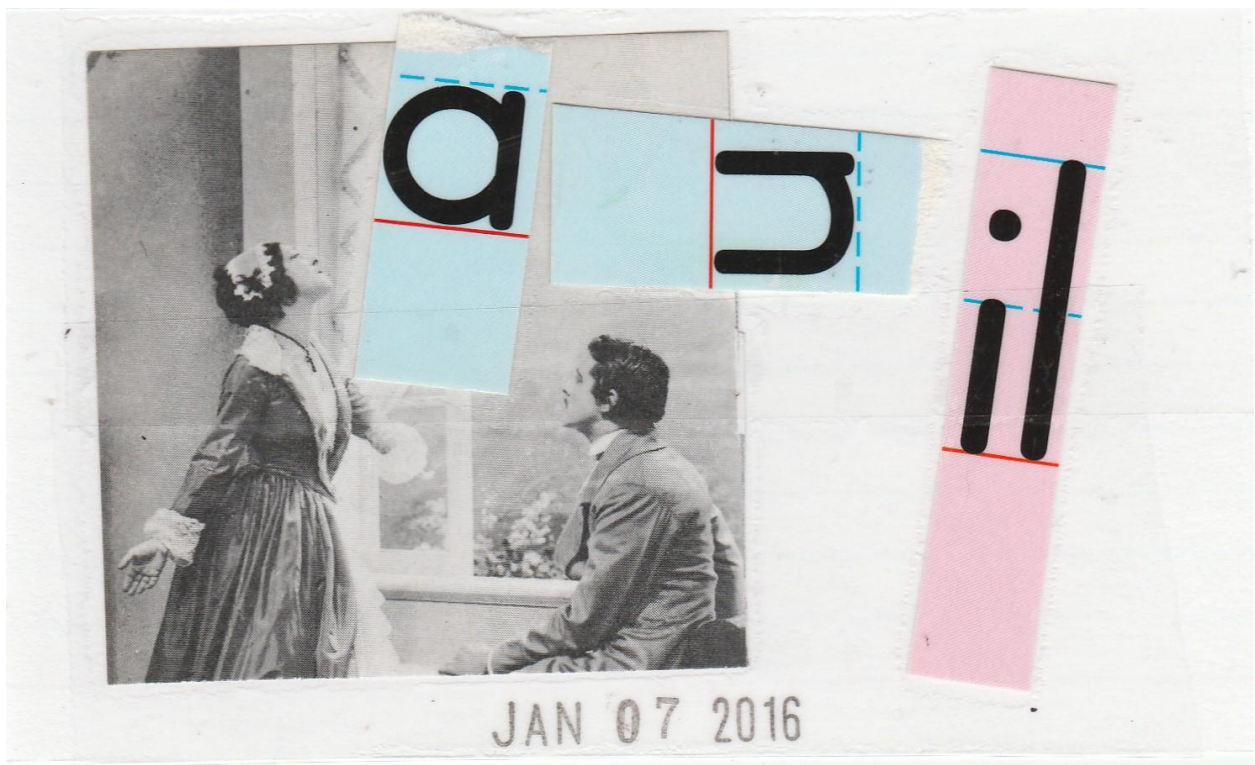
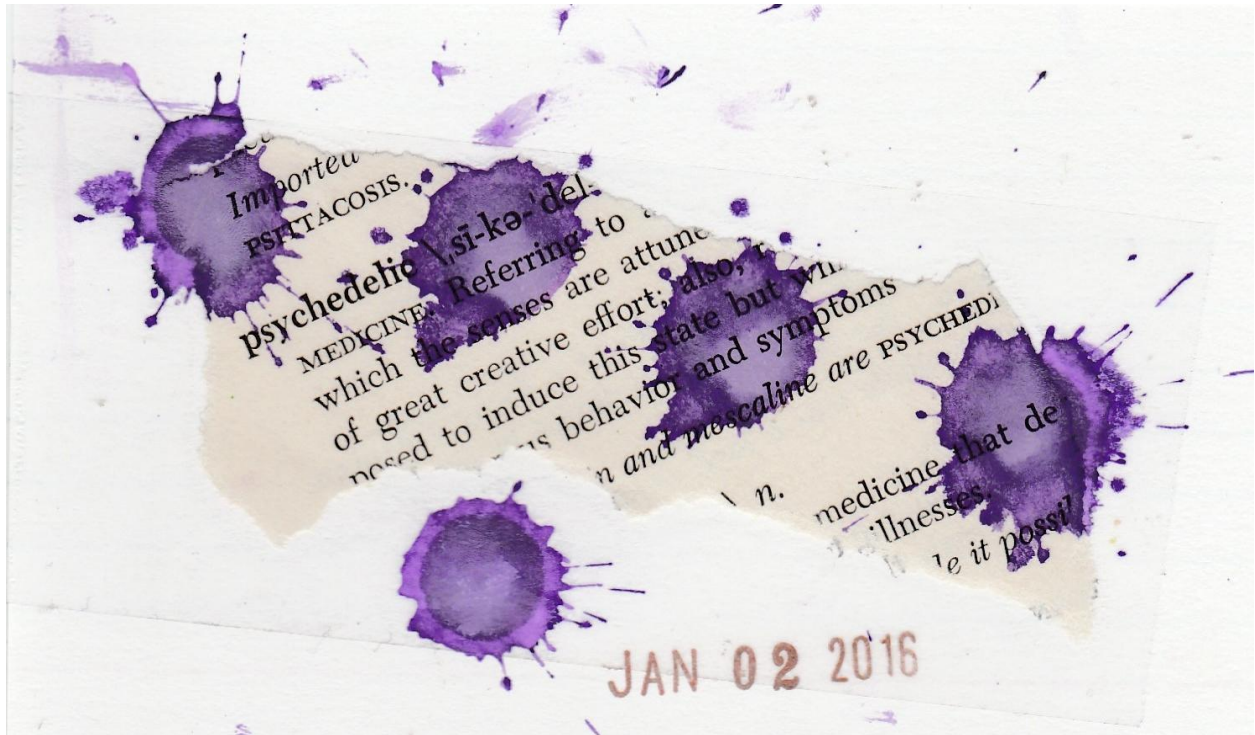
To limit the space charge effect, the vacuum gap or inter-electrode spacing has to be 0.001 inch (0.025 millimetre) or less. With both electrode surfaces of tungsten impregnated with oxides of barium, aluminum, and calcium, a maximum current density of three amperes per square centimetre can be obtained with a cathode temperature of 2,308° F (1,264° C) and an anode temperature of 1,000° F (nearly 538° C). These conditions yield a maximum output of one watt per square centimetre at 0.7 volts, giving an efficiency of 10 to 13 percent.   
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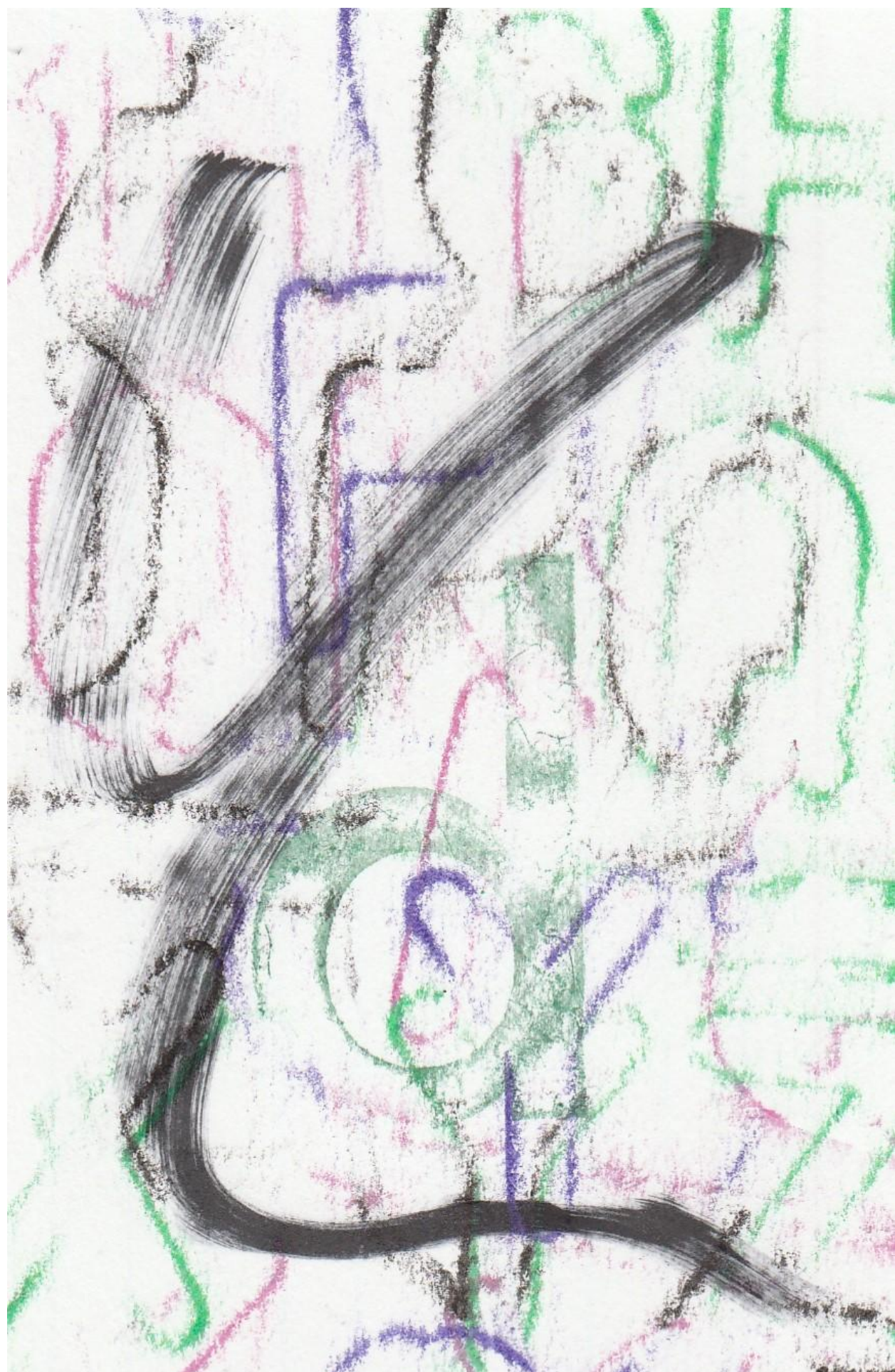
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Apophenia /əˈpɒfɪniə/ is the human tendency to perceive meaningful patterns within random data.

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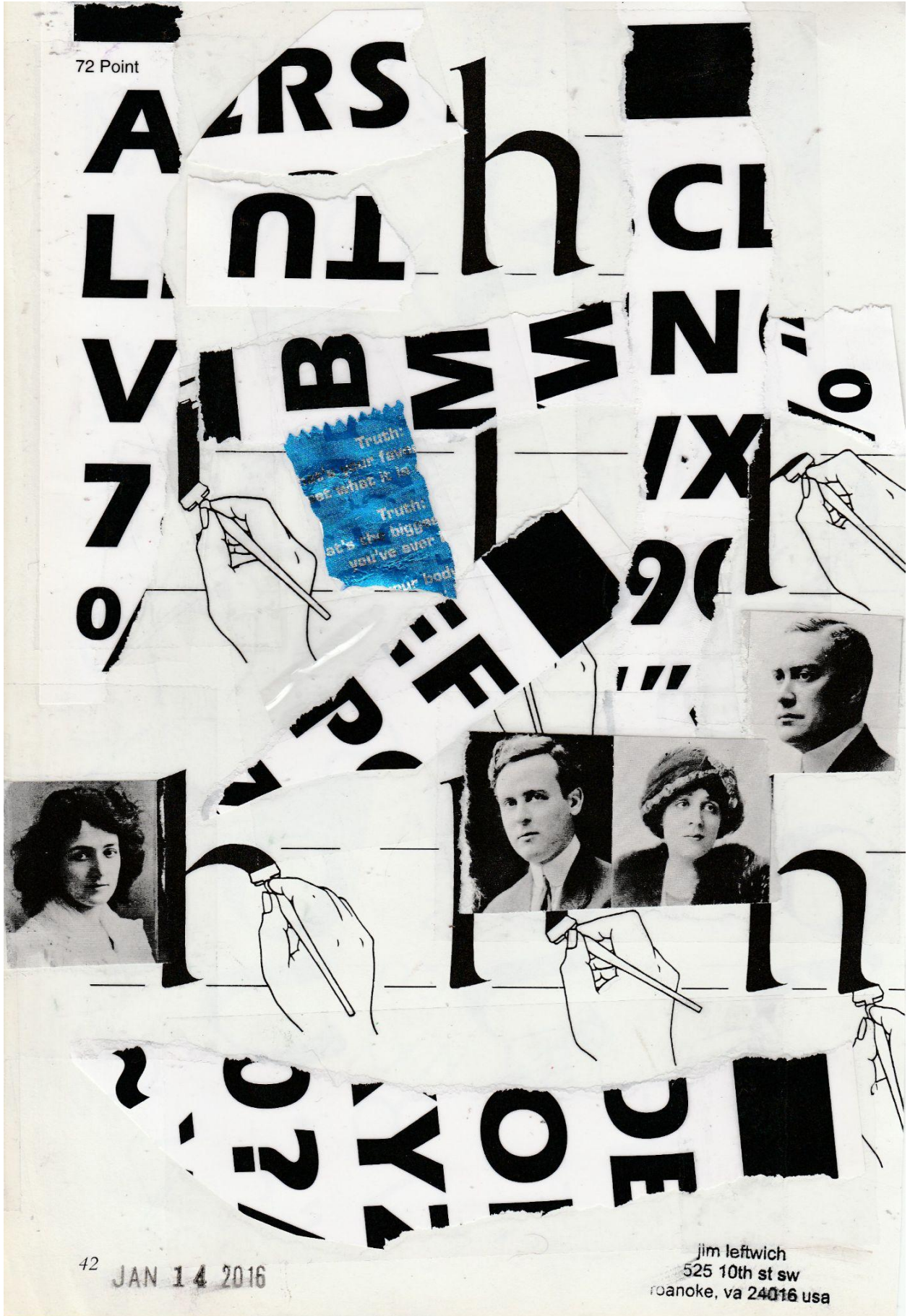
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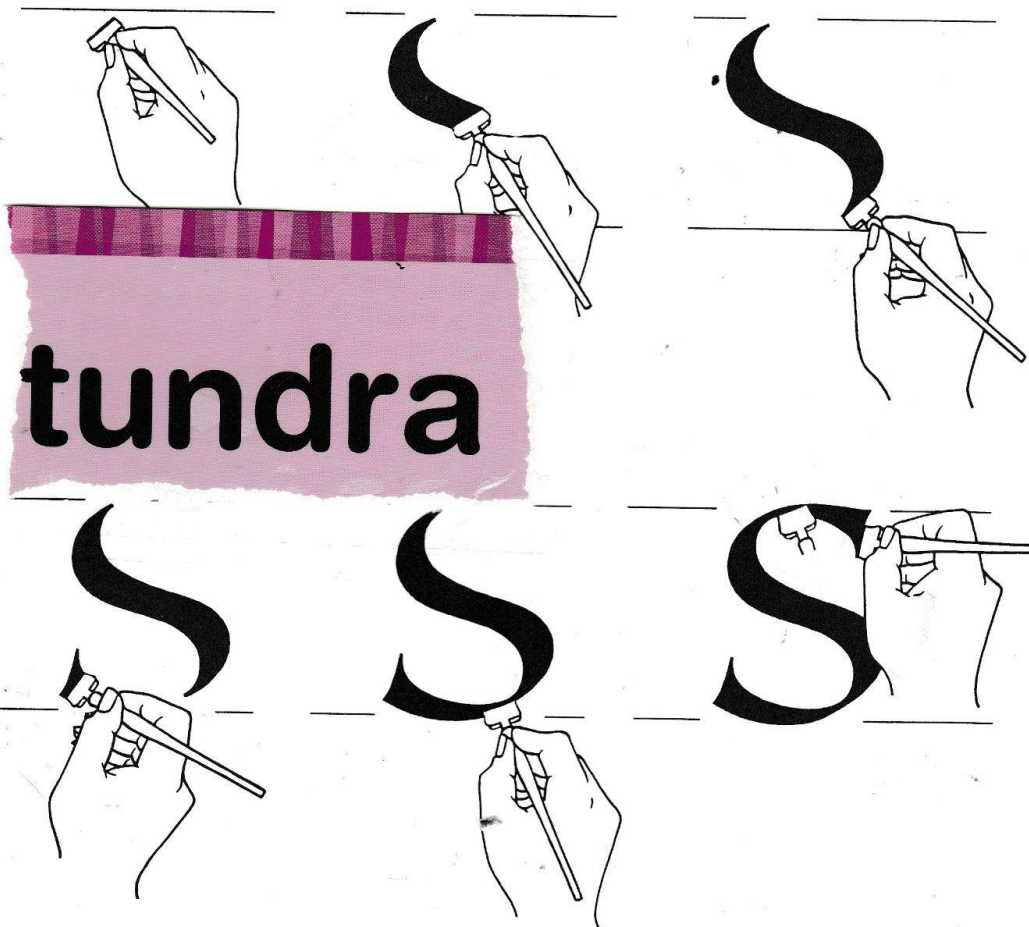


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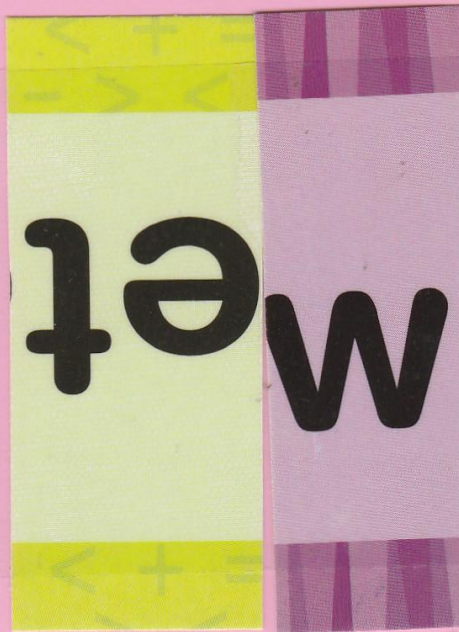
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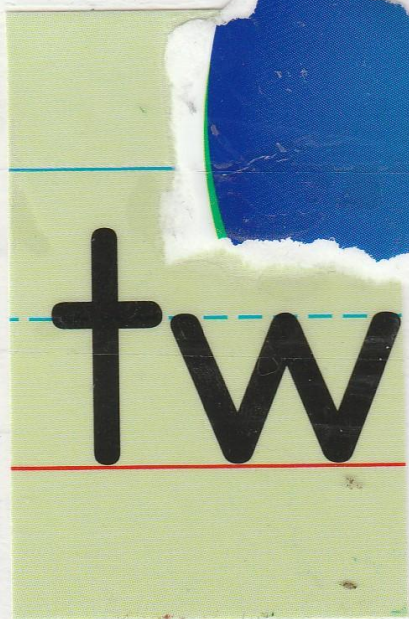
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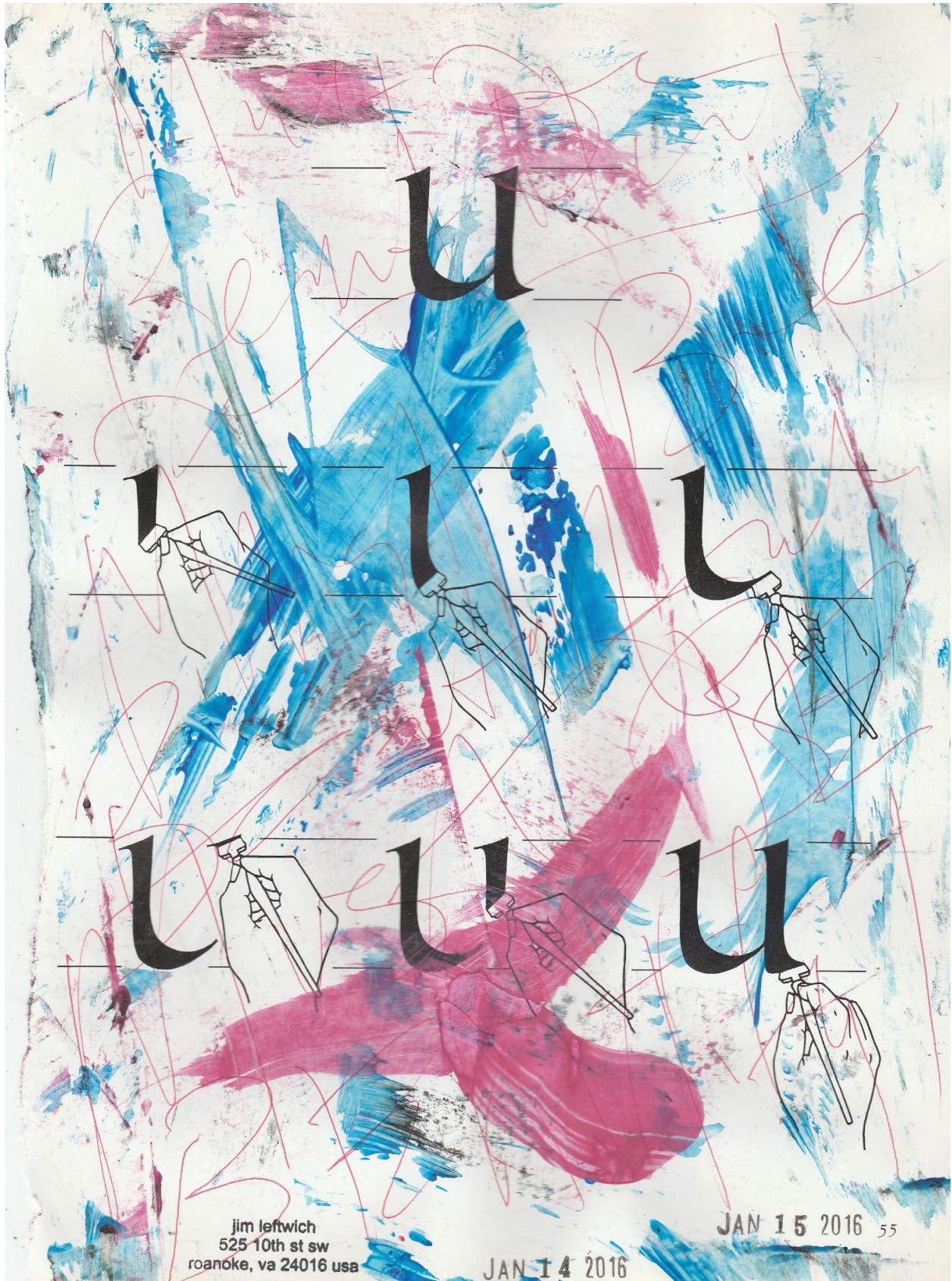
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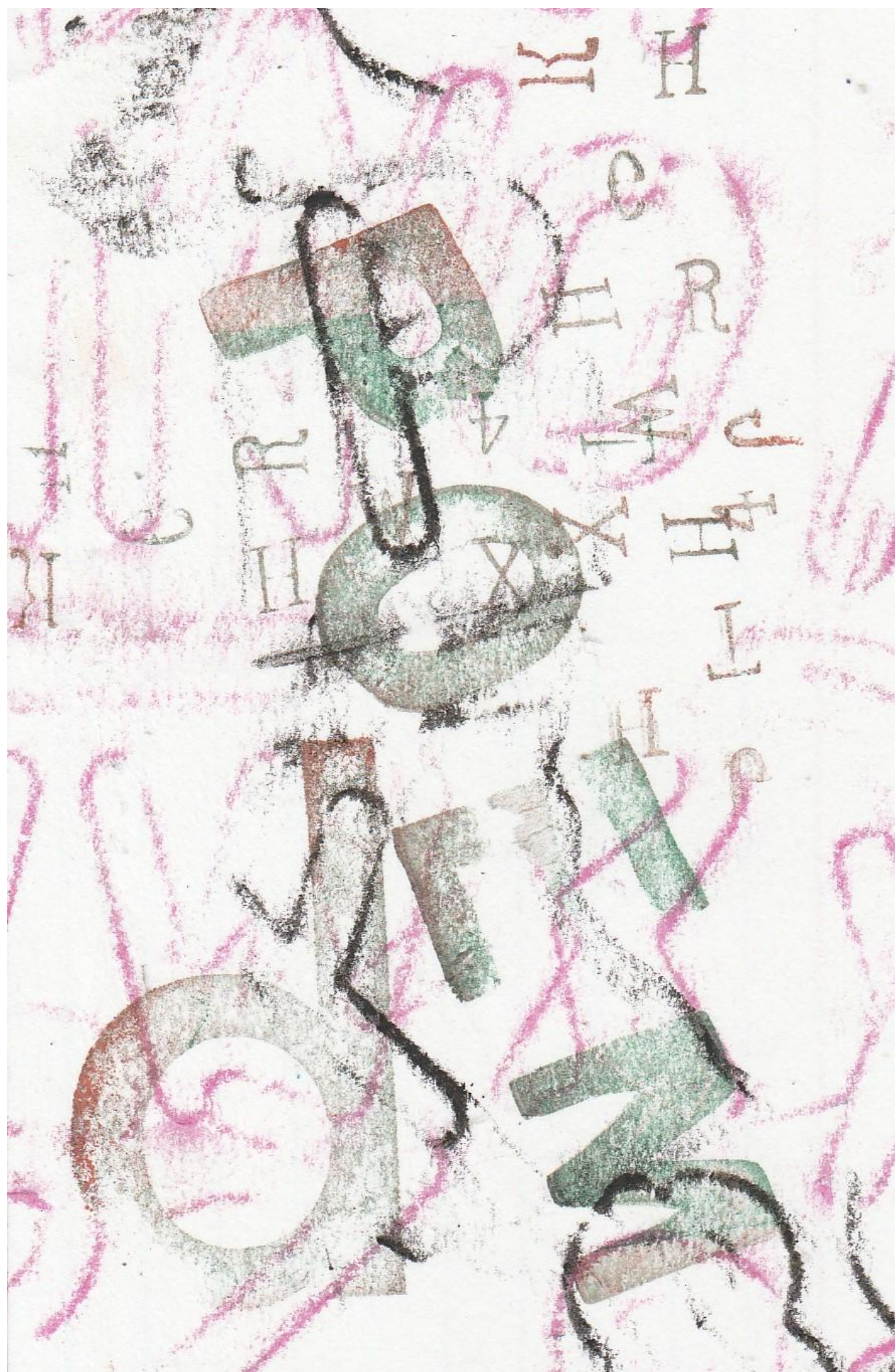


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program \ˈprō-gram\

ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS (N.). The sequence of steps, or operations, performed by a computing machine in solving a problem. (V.). To work out a sequence of arithmetic operations to solve a given type of mathematical problem with a computer.

If the PROGRAM for a computer is stored in a memory unit, the calculation may be performed many times.



WORLD MAP

PROJECTION

projection \prə-ˈjek-shən\

MATHEMATICS. A process of representing lines of one plane in some specified plane; more generally, any map or surface upon another surface. Also, the image produced.

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MATHEMATICS. In algebra, a fraction whose value is greater than zero and less than one or whose numerator is less than the denominator; in algebra, a fraction whose numerator is of lower degree than the denominator for the variable or variables appearing in them.

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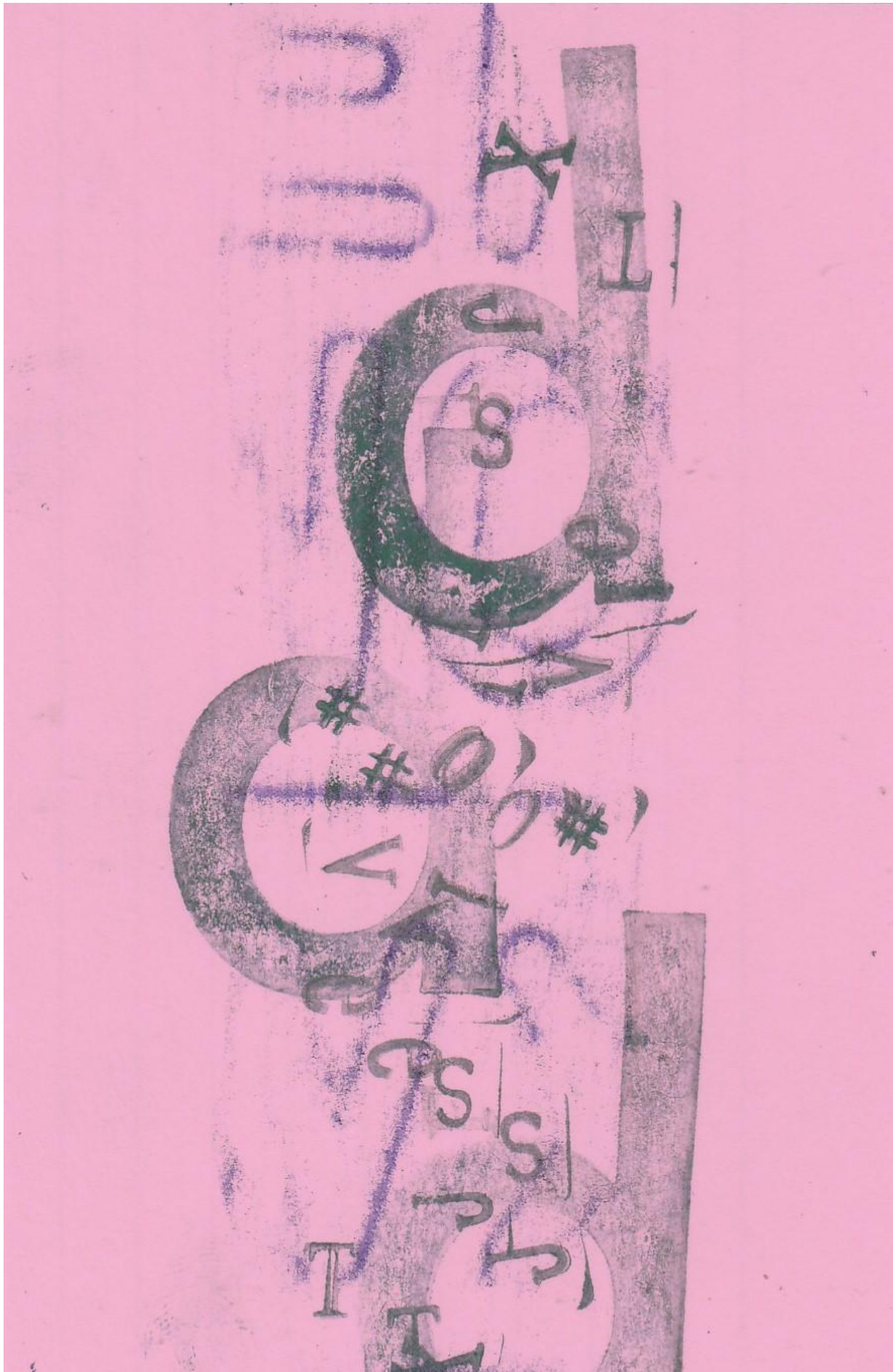
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**probability** \ˈprɒb-əˈbil-ət-ē\ *n.*

MATHEMATICS. The likelihood, or chance, that a given event or group of events will occur in a specified way; the ratio of  $m/(m+n)$ , where  $m$  equals all the ways a given event can succeed or occur and  $n$  equals all the ways it can fail to occur.

The PROBABILITY that a 4 will turn up on a die is one in six, or  $1/6$ .

**proboscis** \prə-ˈbɒs-əs\

ZOOLOGY. Any tubelike structure, as in mollusks, a long snout in insects, the trunk of an elephant.

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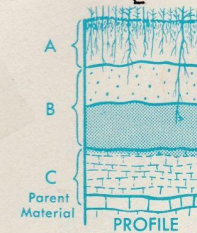
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**profile** \ˈprō-fīl\

EARTH SCIENCE. A cross-section of the earth's surface, showing the vertical arrangement of the different layers.

The different layers of the earth have different physical and chemical characteristics.

**profundal** \prə-ˈfænd-əl\

BIOLOGY and EARTH SCIENCE. Relating to the deep-water area of freshwater bodies, usually limited to areas free of rooted plants.

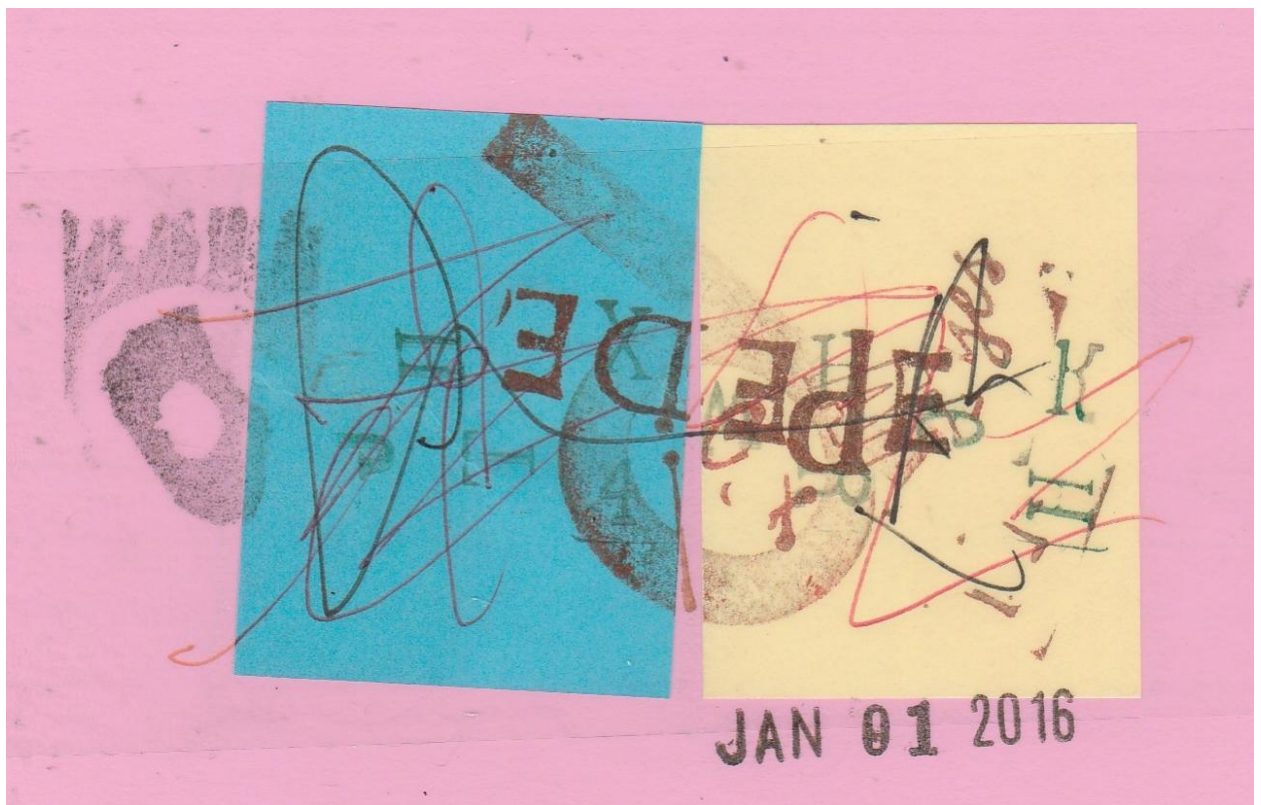
Common freshwater clams are residents of the PROFUNDAL zone.



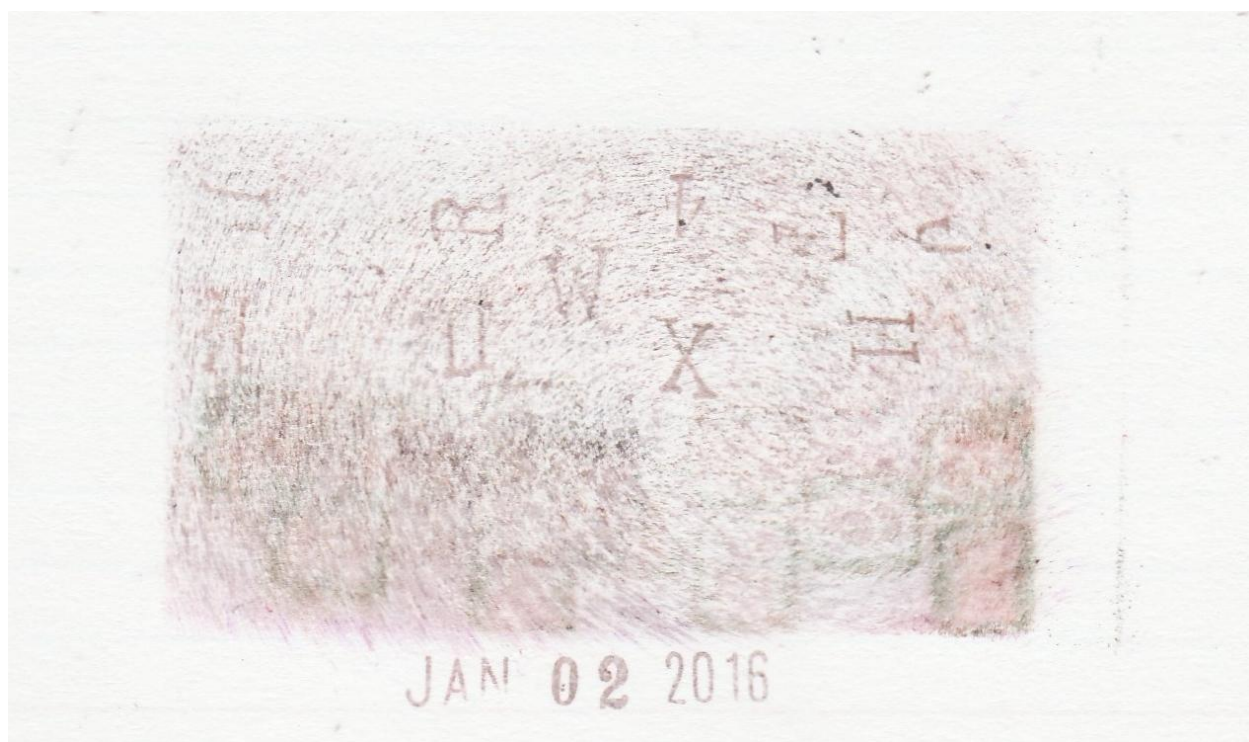
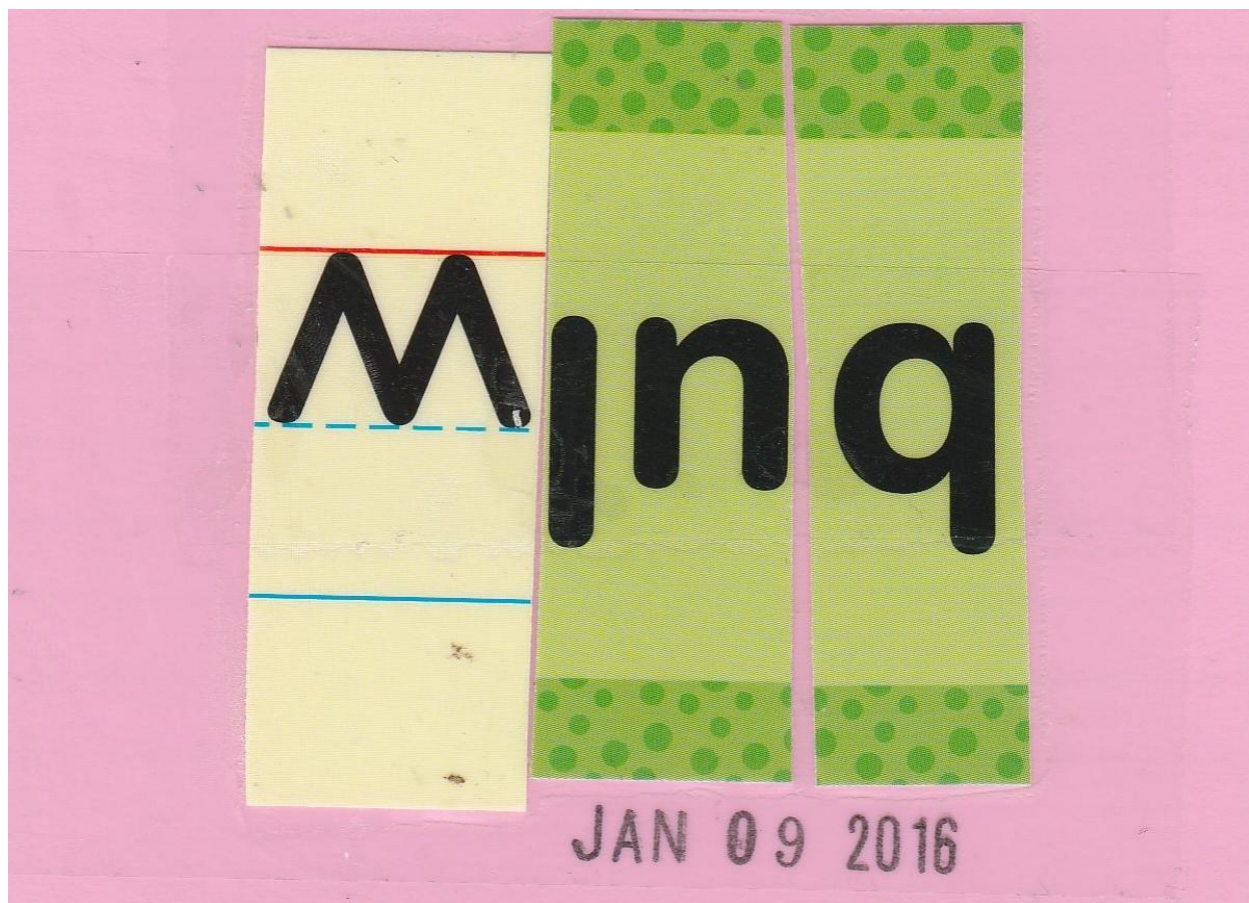




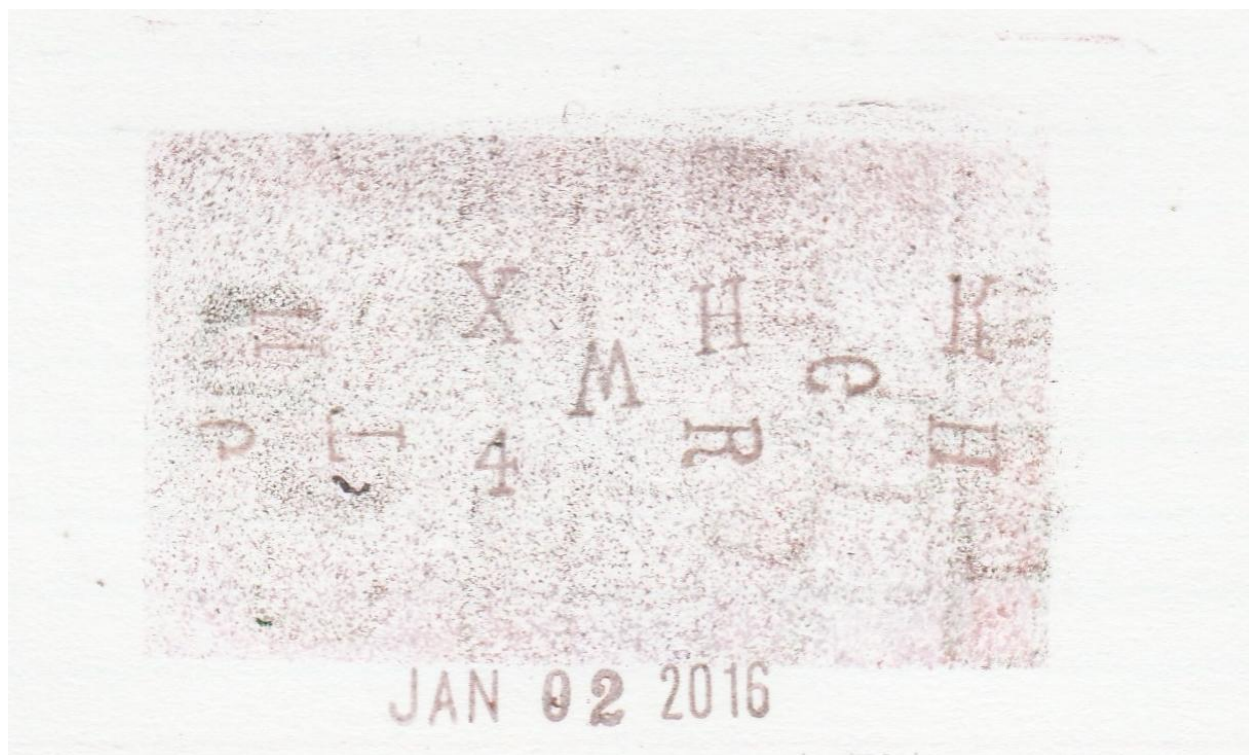
















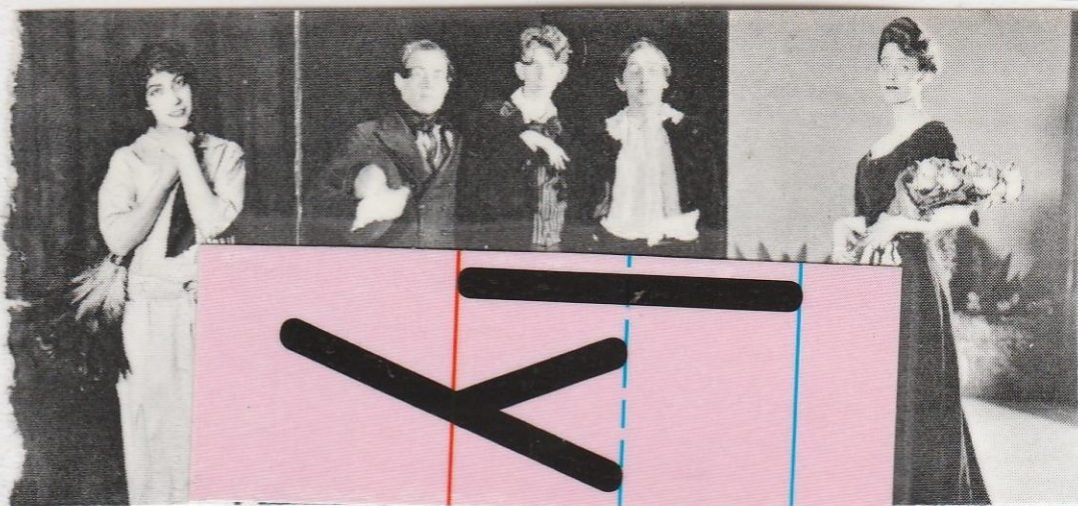


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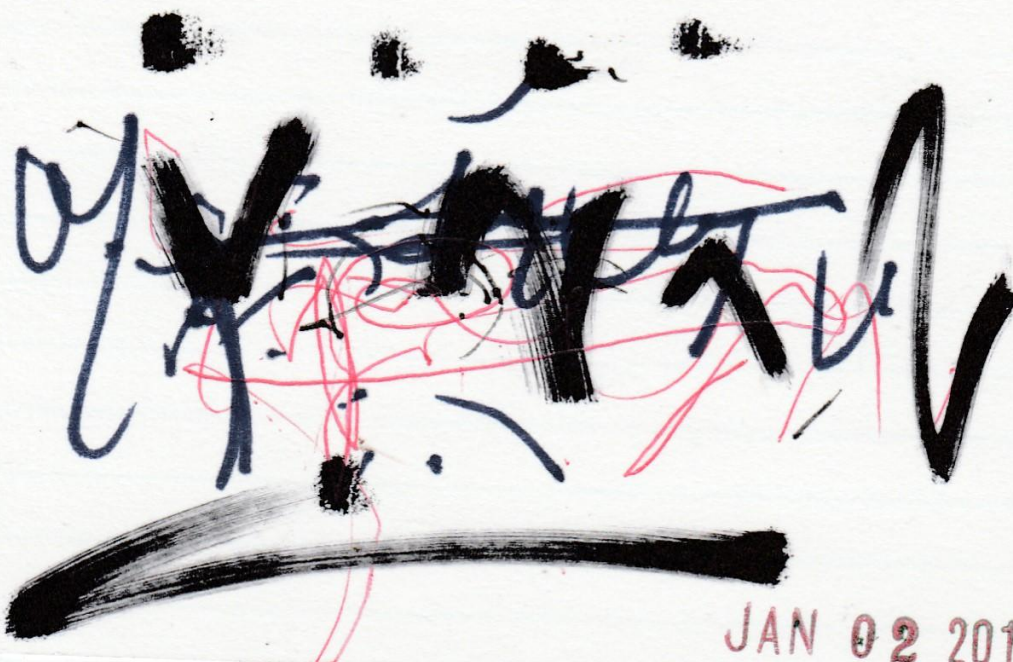


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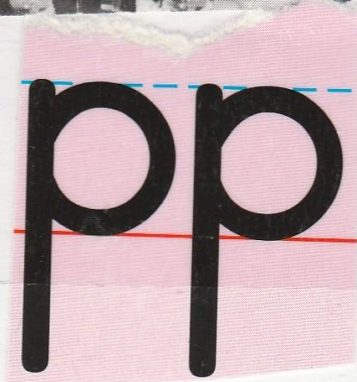
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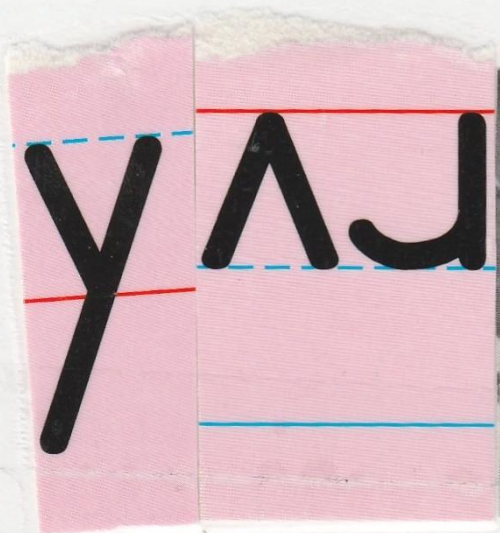


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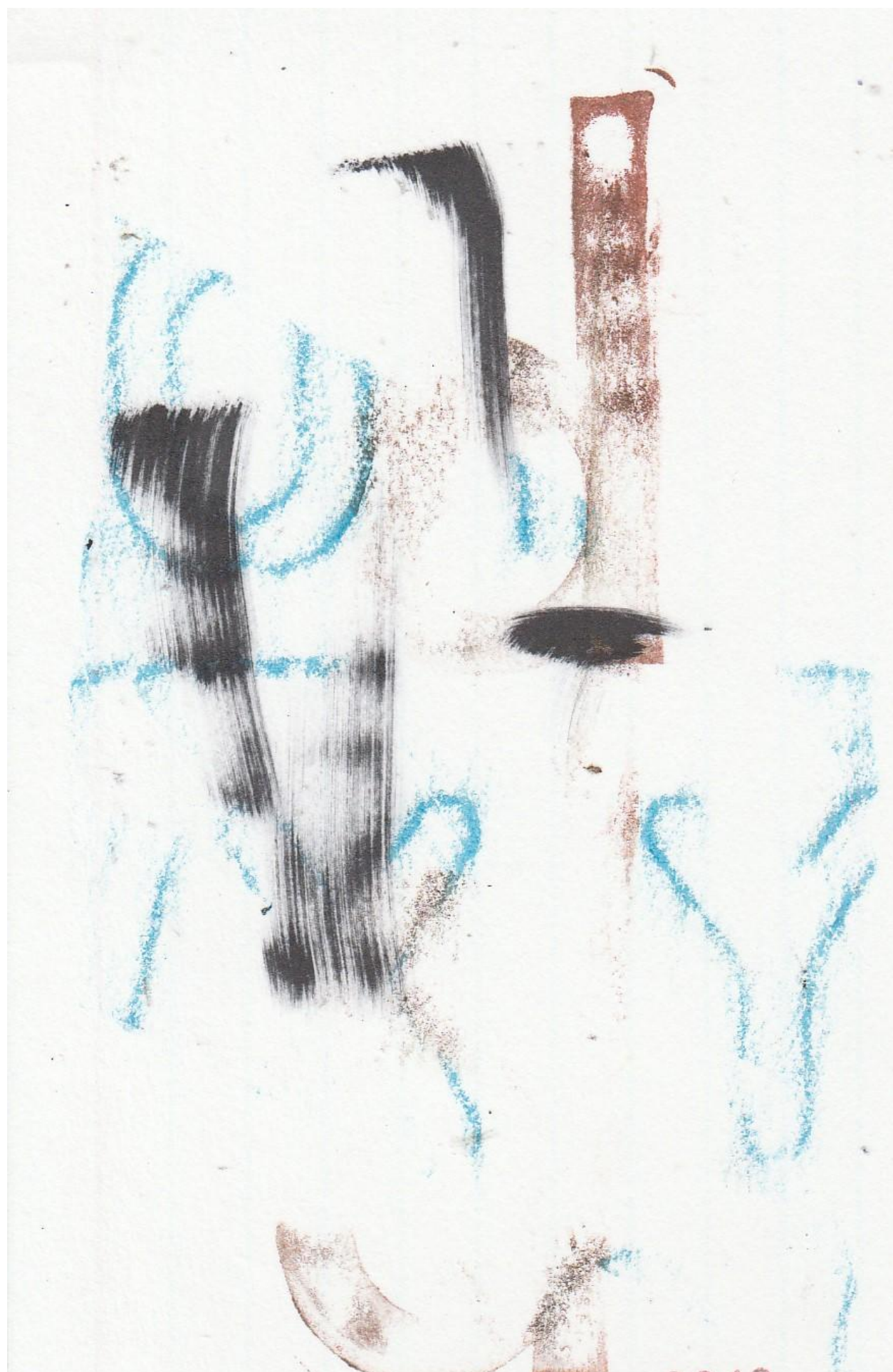
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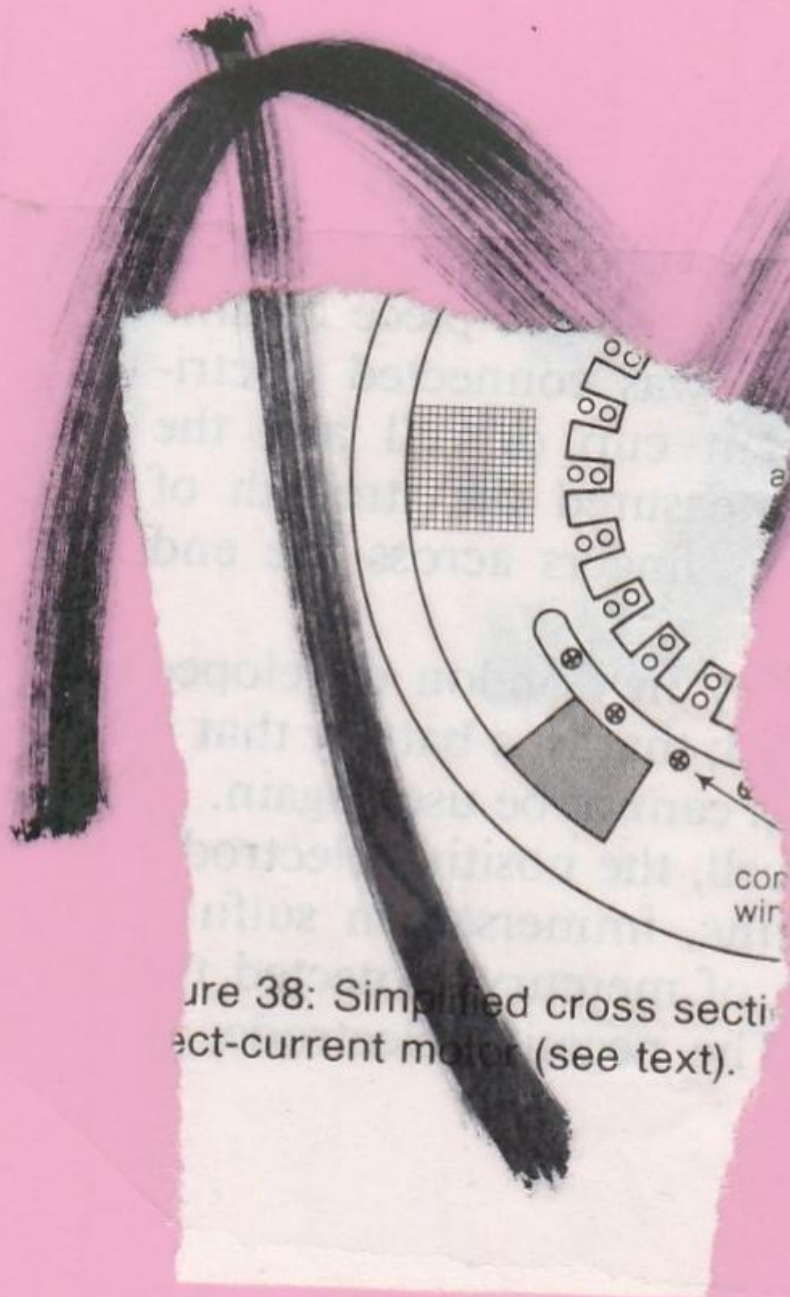


Figure 38: Simplified cross section of a direct-current motor (see text).

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